Delhi, as made available by the bank, is as under:—

As at the end of the year	Total strength of officers in Delhi in Junior Management Grade Scale-I	Out of Column 2 strength of	
		SC	ST
1979 . . .	879	11	Nil
1980 . . .	990	14	1
1981 . . .	995	21	1
1982 . . .	1086	27	3

(b) In terms of the bank's settlement with the Employees Federation, vacancies of Accountants in Junior Management Grade Scale-I, are filled in the following manner:—

(i) 20 per cent vacancies by recruiting Management Trainees on All India basis and the reservations in which are 15 per cent and 7 1|2 per cent for Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes, respectively.

(ii) 50 per cent vacancies through the process of written test and interview from amongst the clerical cadre. The percentage of reservations for the Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes trhough this process is 15 per cent and 7 1|2, respectively on All India basis.

(iii) 30 per cent vacancies by promoting Special Assistants through the process of seniority on regional basis. The percentage of reservation for Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes in this promotion is based on the percentages prescribed for various States in terms of the Government of India instructions.

(c) The bank has reported that whenever candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes|Scheduled Tribes are not available for appointment to the Junior Management Grade Scale-I, the vacancies are de-reserved with the approval of the competent authority and such vacancies are carried forward to the subsequent recruitment. The de-reservation is purely temporary and is done in accordance with the Government instructions on the subject. Such de-reserved vacancies, are filled by Scheduled Casts|Scheduled Tribes candidates as and when such candidates become available through subsequent recruitments.

Income tax raids in Bombay

1528. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of income-tax raids conducted in Greater Bombay from 1.4.1983 to 31.3.1984 and from 1.4.1984 to 30.6.1984;

(b) what is the outcome of these raids and what follow up action is being taken in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any machinery to oversee the outcome of the raids; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) Income Tax Department conducted 985 searches during the period 1.4.1983 to 30.6.1984 in Bombay and seized *prima facie* unaccounted assets valued at Rs. 3.97 crores approximately. The documents seized in course of searches are under scrutiny for taking

appropriate action under Direct Taxes Acts.

(c) The investigations|asessments in search cases are made under the guidance and supervision of senior officers of the Income Tax Department.

Reduction of interest rate of commercial lending

1529. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reduce the interest rate on commercial lending; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) There is no proposal under consideration to reduce the rate of interest on commercial lending.

(b) Does not arise.

Revamping of taxation system

1530. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the entire taxation system in order to accelerate industrial growth rate; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the frequency of Boeing services between Delhi and Bhubaneswar

1531. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received request from the Government of Orissa to increase the frequency of Boeing services between Delhi and Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has plans to increase the frequency of Boeing service between Delhi and Bhubaneshwar during the Winter Schedule of 1984-85.

Export of ready-made gold ornaments

1532. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for allowing export of ready-made gold ornaments;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have undertaken any study regarding the demand for such ornaments abroad; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Requests from trade had been received for liberalisation of the Policy for gold jewellery exports from the country. A Gold Jewellery Export Promotion and Replenishment Scheme has been brought into effect.

(c) The Handicraft and Handlooms Export Corporation of India Ltd. and trade have been studying the markets abroad on the basis of which they feel that Indian jewellery would evoke good response in the wake of the impact of the new Gold Jewellery Export Policy notified by the Government.

New area for tea production

1533. SHRI J. K. JAIN Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: